

BIG RISE IN SUGAR PRICES A RESULT OF MANIPULATION, AS WAS CORNER IN EGGS

Alleged Shortage Wholly Artificial for Prices Abroad Were Cheaper.

NEW ADVANCE PLANNED.

Despite New Crop, Ten Cents a Pound Retail on Jan. 1 Was Figure Fixed.

The great sugar concerns and manipulators of sugar prices, domestic and export, read with intense interest yesterday The Evening World's story of sugar profits drawn alike from the American public and the allies, with the added fact that the sensational rise in raw and refined product was as much artificial as the equally sensational rise in eggs.

Up to two weeks ago the "sugar kings" had been banking on even larger profits from the American public. Carefully worded stories found their way into the trade papers and financial columns of some dailies to the effect that sugar would cost the consumer 10 cents a pound by Jan. 1, and this in spite of the fact that a new crop was slowly coming into the markets of the country.

The interest in The Evening World's story was so intense that several officials of big Wall Street houses called up last night, and the only fault that some had to find was that the figures of excess profits were "all too small." Others contended that the word "excess" should have been left out and from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 added, making a total of from \$40,000,000 to \$65,000,000 as the actual but not the excess profit over former years.

AN ADMISSION OF MAKING HOME PEOPLE PAY.

Victor R. Hess of A. H. Lamborn & Company, No. 95 Wall Street, was one of the callers. Mr. Hess is associated with a corporation that does a brokerage business as well as actually selling the raw and refined sugar.

From all that Mr. Hess said it appears that the great sugar corporations have been going at a break-neck speed in the effort to show the world that they could do the same for sugar that Andrew Carnegie did for steel, viz., produce it in this country and sell it abroad cheaper than it can be placed on the home markets by European competitors.

Raw sugar has been exported in the last fourteen months, according to some of the Wall Street experts, at from 100 to 150 points cheaper than it has been allowed to be sold in the home markets. Some concerns actually boast of their prowess in this respect, and tacitly admit that these admissions contradict their claims that the high cost of sugar forced on the American public was "caused by a shortage."

Most people thought the sugar concerns were getting bigger prices from the allies for the enormous quantities of the raw product shipped abroad, but the fact is that the competition for the European trade appears to have been so keen among the rival concerns, big and small, actual and holding companies, that the allies have been getting the raw product far below the domestic market quotations, and abroad sugar is being doled out in thumbfuls at enormous prices.

The sugar reserves were attacked, finally, to create the artificial shortage which became the mathematical base or excuse for forcing the dear American public to pay almost double for its sugar.

"Yes, it is true that the raw product has been sold in Great Britain, France, Belgium and some of the neutral countries abroad at a considerably lower price than prevailed on the home market," said Mr. Hess. "But I don't think it was as low as you have it. We probably sold at 30 points below the market price."

Then Mr. Hess volunteered the statement that The Evening World skipped some of the concerns that reaped the biggest part of the harvest. Mr. Hess, in common with a dozen other sugar men on "the street," chuckled as he told The Evening World reporter that the American Sugar Refining Company got a small part of the harvest; that it made big profits it "was also caught" badly not long ago and actually suffered a heavy loss. Then, coming to the matter of profits, Mr. Hess said:

"I don't think you should have used the word 'excess' in the sense that it meant excess profits over former years. If you had tacked on another \$10,000,000 and said \$40,000,000 was the actual profit I guess you would have hit the mark."

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC PAID THE DIFFERENCE.

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KEEP MAIL TUBES IN CITY SERVICE, SAY ALDERMEN

The Board Passes Unanimous Resolution to Be Sent to President and Congress.

The Board of Aldermen to-day unanimously adopted two resolutions, copies of which will be sent to President Wilson and Congress, asking that the mail tube service in this city be continued.

One of the resolutions was introduced by Aldermanic President Dowling. It calls attention to the fact that one of the most serious problems of this city is traffic congestion; that if mail wagons are to be substituted for the tubes, conditions will become intolerable and that a city like New York, which contributes \$2,000,000 to the Government in mail revenue, should be granted every facility.

The other resolution, which was coupled with the Dowling resolution, was introduced by Alderman Henry Curran, minority leader of the Board. It is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen requests the Postmaster General of the United States to abandon his contemplated reduction of the underground mail tube service in this city.

"When our people have to burrow like moles through subways and tunnels to escape the perils of traffic congestion on the streets, it is no time to experiment with mail matter and joy ride it about the town in speeding motor trucks, to the still greater peril of those who survive us on the surface of the earth."

people, the raw sugar group and the refining element, all decorously and orderly interlocked, from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 a year in excess of the prices that prevailed in the early days of 1914.

This ten or twelve millions, as the case may be, has been "all sugar" for the sugar concerns, direct or indirect, entirely separate from the actual normal profits. Of the \$40,000,000 total profits for the two years a large part was garnered by speculators who "held back" while the artificial shortage was being created.

Mr. Hess called the attention of the Board of Aldermen to the fact that the Fajardo Sugar Company had been overlooked in the distribution of the "profits plan." The Fajardo has a \$3,000,000 corporation. Like most of the sugar concerns, its officers and principal shareholders are American.

For instance, Albert J. Akin, Secretary of the Cuban-American Sugar Company, which has absorbed several plantation companies, says he has an interest in a refining company and that there may be others in his company holding stock in raw or refined product companies.

According to the Copartnership and Corporation Directory, James H. Post is one of the directors of the Cuban-American Company. According to the same source of information, James H. Post is a director in the Fajardo Sugar Company at No. 109 Wall Street, a director in the Fajardo Development Company, located at the same address and in the same rooms.

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The companies promised to do still better in 1916. The "doopers" are now being formed. The latest was a \$10,000,000 syndicate with two big letters in the name. The "doopers" for the sugar melon has been an excellent Wall Street and La Salle Street. Everybody in these streets is after "the sugar," and with enough of it in bonded warehouses to give every man, woman and child in the United States a free lunch.

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Tell Your Troubles to Mother-in-Law! She Is the Real Hague Peace Court For All Matrimonial Belligerents



She Is at Once the Most Abused and Most Necessary of All Human Institutions, and if She Did Not Exist Man Would Have to Invent Her.

Old Women Are Wise, and Because They Are They Are Peaceful - A German Grossmutter Might Have Stopped Even the World War.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

A new creed for mothers-in-law is proposed by a member of that abused class in the current number of the Woman's Home Companion, a creed of eight words, which its proponent states has won for her the love of her son-in-law and kept her daughter a happy wife.

"Go home and talk it over with Jimmy," is the magic phrase with which this inspired mother-in-law has met all the difficulties her married daughter has brought to her for solution. It began with the choice of the dining room china before the wedding, when mother refused to endorse Kate's preference for white and gold rather than the beflowered porcelain on which Jimmy had set his heart.

Now, I think that the mother-in-law is the most necessary and the most abused of all human institutions. And I believe that if she did not exist men would have to invent her.

Many a man's life has been saved by his mother-in-law, because if women didn't have mothers with whom to discuss their husbands they would have to find some other outlet for their indignation and who knows—might wreak it on the husbands themselves.

GOOD ADVICE TO DISGRUNTLED WIVES. The only way a woman can get over her indignation and scorn of the man she loves is by expressing it to some other woman. And what woman is so safe as her own mother. It isn't clubby to discuss your husband with another man. And in addition to being unimportant and it is dangerous. For when the noble man feels really sorry for a woman, when her tale of sorrow and persecution and despair has aroused the full chivalry of his nature, there is only one adequate consolation he can find for her sorrow—and that of course is to make love to her. A dangerous, obviously an impossible, business.

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AND RUBENSTEIN NAMED HIS BOY AFTER THE JUDGE Lawyer Up for Contempt Makes More Than Good in His Promise to the Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Abraham Rubenstein, an attorney, was recently involved in difficulties with Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis in the Federal Court. The judge suspended him from Federal practice and held him to the Grand Jury on charges of perjury and conspiracy.

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FIGHTS UP AND DOWN SIX FLIGHTS OF STAIRS Alleged Silk Dress Thief Fired On and Finally Clubbed Into Submission.

Daniel Barbella, twenty-three years old, of No. 189 Mulberry Street, gave two detectives a battle down three flights of stairs and up six and down again to the sidewalk early to-day.

WOMAN DIES IN BLAZE BECAUSE LOCK SNAPPED Man Unable to Reach Wife and Son Hammered at the Door in Vain.

While his wife and son were suffocated on the top floor of No. 108 East Sixty-sixth Street early to-day, William H. Delaney, chauffeur for Grant B. Schley, the banker, was helpless to aid them, because the snap lock on the door had shut him out without his key.

HOME FOR XMAS—IN JAIL. Instead of Wife Sheriff's Men in Brooklyn.

Even during the two hours of regular business, from ten to noon, a great Christmas tree had towered from the floor and men were waiting for the closing gong to run up a monster, old-fashioned chimney for Santa Claus to slide down with his bags and bags of presents.

There was a piano alongside the Christmas tree, and the instant the noon gong sounded the close of business the skylarkers gave a whoop and organized a little celebration of their own around the tree. Some of them banged the piano for topical songs and cut capers not at all in keeping with the dignity of the Exchange.

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SANTA MEETS 2,100 REAL CHILDREN IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Comes Down Big Chimney and Distributes Gifts to Gleeful Crowd.

7TH REGT. BAND AIDS.

Festival Follows High Jinks of Brokers, Unprecedented in Character.

Santa Claus came down the chimney of the Stock Exchange this afternoon and started a celebration the like of which was never before seen in that guarded mart of world-finance. Hundreds of children trooped over the floor and around the trading posts, where the wild tumult of toasting millions in securities had been going on.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS Hopes and Realizations

More Good, Two-Handed Hoppers in America Than Sand in Sahara—They Wake Up Christmas Morning and Find in Their Stockings the Stuff Tires Are Inflated With.

Our National Bird Is the Chicken That Is Counted Before It Is Hatched. When the Janitor Holds Out His Palm He Isn't Trying to Shake Hands.

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.

(Copyright, 1916, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World). The hundred million inhabitants of the United States and the few progressive Republicans left spend little money and lots of time before Christmas, hoping. There are more good two-handed hoppers in America than there is sand in Sahara. After hoping vigorously for weeks they wake up on Christmas morn and discover their hopes must have been busted. All they find in their stockings is the stuff they inflate tires with.

The ingredients used in compounding a Merry Christmas present are anticipation, realization and instalments. The prescription reads: one-third anticipation, two-thirds instalments and the rest realization. What you expect for Christmas and what you get is a horse of a different complexion. Everybody has a lot of getting in the fire before Christmas. But what good is it having irons in the fire if the fire is out?

"Open your mouth and close your eyes, and I'll give you something to make you wise," is a formula well known to children on getting into bed. And this is the same axiom utilized by adults in wishing for Christmas presents. They open their mouths, shut their eyes and hope for sugar. A quince has an awful taste, hasn't it? The chicken that is counted before it is hatched is our national bird.

The average Christmas hoper hopes for what he gets. Hand-cuff the anti-vivisectionists for a minute and we'll dissect an American family. Little Willie starts speaking English for a month before Christmas; almost washes his neck on several occasions, and puts his chewing gum under the table, instead of on the cat. Everybody has a lot of getting in the fire before Christmas. But what good is it having irons in the fire if the fire is out?

And mother, bless her, what of Christmas? Christmas is a thing of the past. It is only Dec. 25 to her. Willie gives mother a box of candy that Willie likes to eat. Esmeralda gives mother a pair of gloves that fit Esmeralda, and Wilbur will borrow back a ten-dollar bill that Wilbur will borrow back to celebrate New Year's with.

The old man has the correct system on Christmas gifts. He expects nothing. And he gets it. Multiply this by the number of families in America and the result will prove hoping is one thing and getting is something else again.

SEVEN CIGAR STORES DOWNTOWN ROBBED Thieves Go From One to Another, Smashing the Front Window of Each.

Seven downtown cigar stores were robbed between 2 and 5 o'clock this morning. The thieves, smashed in the glass of the front window of each store. They showed their efficiency by leaving no fingerprints and by the show-up, they made of their knowledge that even modern police-men cannot see as well as usual on cold winter nights.

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